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REMARKS

Claims 40-43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 44-51 remain pending, and have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,741,396. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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